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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

## Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to urge you, along with the Department of Justice, to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement and put the case to rest. The suit against Microsoft has gone on for over three years. Persued by the previous administration, and is in part, cause of the present financial plight of our country. Microsoft, along with the rest of the technology industry, deserves to see this case settled.

The terms of the agreement are fair. Though many people think that Microsoft got off easy -- I think they did not. Microsoft has accepted terms that are well outside of the scope of the charges in the lawsuit, in the interest of settling the suit.

The technology industry has been going through some tough times. The industry needs its leader back, so it is time to wrap up the suit and move on. Please finalize the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely.

Dr. Neil Randle